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FOREST DEVELOPMENT IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented or proposes to implement any Action Plan regarding development of forest in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the salient features of the said Plan;

(c) the details of the projects started/ implemented under the said plan in Maharashtra during the last three years;

(d) the amount allocated to the Maharashtra for the development of forests during the last three years, year-wise;

(e) whether the funds are released on time for the projects undertaken; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) There is no specific Action Plan regarding development of forest in Maharashtra.However,Government have three major Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the development of forest, namely "National Afforestation Programme", "Integrated Forest Protection" and "Assistance for Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries".

(b)to(d) National Afforestation Plan provides assistance for afforestation through two tier decentralized system with Forest Development Agency at Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees at village level. Integrated Forest Protection provides financial assistance for forest fire control and management, preparation of working plans and other protection measures.

Assistance for Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries provides financial and technical assistance to States/UTs including Maharashtra for conservation and protection of Protected Areas.

The fund released to state of Maharashtra under these schemes during last three years is given in annexure.

(e) Yes, Sir. By and large, the funds are released by the Central Government to States/UTs on time

(f) Not applicable.